

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that in the Examiner's opinion the application contained claims directed to patentably distinct species of Figures 1, 2-3, 4, 5 and 6-9. The Examiner required the applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claim will be restricted if no generic claim is finally held allowable.

With the present communication applicants have elected for further prosecution the species of Figure 1.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 2, and 19 are generic claims to all species in the present application.

At the same time claims 3 and 8 are believed to be readable on the elected species of Figure 1.

The other claims are readable on the non elected species.

It is therefore respectfully requested to prosecute the claims related to the elected species of Figure 1 and also the generic claims.

If during the prosecution a generic claim is held allowable, it is respectfully requested to allow the claims related to other species as well.

Consideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Applicants have also amended the specification to bring it in compliance to the requirements of the U.S. Patent Practice.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,

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